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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA: Acting Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
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SUBJECT: Vulnerability of International Airports to Terrorist Actions

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Note: Possible DCI comment page 3.

1. On 31 October 1977, at the DCI's Staff Meeting, the DDO was tasked to prepare a report on the vulnerability of international airports to terrorist action. The attached report is forwarded in response to this requirement.

2. The attached assessment was developed as a result of discussions with the Civil Aviation Security Service of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The report also includes data obtained from the Department of State which has been in dialogue with its overseas representatives during the past year concerning the security of local airports. This assessment has been reviewed with the Threat Assessment Group of the Department of State's Office of Security, DIA's Counter-terrorist and Threat Analysis Group and NFAC/ORPA. In short, the assessment represents a community view.


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3. The data contained in the attached assessment can be passed to the commercial airlines' pilots that raised the issue of which airports are vulnerable to terrorist attacks.


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Attachment:
Assessment

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explosive - we can distribute
the left hand factual
tabulation - but not the
subjective judgments on vulnerable
airports - we might even be sued -
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